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Rotary woman kidnapped while on exchange trip

NIGERIA An Albertan woman has been kidnapped in Nigeria while on an exchange trip with the Rotary Club.

Julie Mulligan, from Drayton Valley, 300 km northwest of Calgary, was kidnapped while taking part in a group study program with four other Canadians, her employer Sunlife Financial confirmed. Her companions were rushed out of the region safely after her abduction.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade said they are in touch with Nigerian authorities and while they confirmed a Canadian is missing and presumed kidnapped, they won't confirm her identity.

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Calgary Flames Olli Jokinen, right, checks Chicago Blackhawks Troy Brouwer during the first period of Game 3 of the NHL Western Conference quarterfinal last night in Calgary. The Flames won 4-2 in a come from behind victory. **Story, pg 10**

Hijacked plane hits home for Halifax

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
 for Metro Canada

JAMAICA A harrowing hostage situation aboard a Canjet plane at a Jamaican airport ended peacefully yesterday, the Halifax airline confirmed.

Kent Woodside, vice-president and general manager of Canjet Airlines, said all 174 passengers and eight crew members walked off hijacked Flight 918 unharmed.

The gunman released most travellers not long after forcing his way through security and onto the plane, but six crewmembers were held for hours before being freed by anti-terrorism officers.

The Jamaican government identified the suspect as Stephen Fray of Montego Bay, a mentally challenged man in his early 20s.

"I'd like to praise the professionalism and bravery of our crew, who, while trained to deal with serious incidents, would have hoped never to have to deal with this reality," Woodside said.

Passengers included Brenda Grenier of Dartmouth, who told CTV News that the armed man forced the pilot out of the plane before firing a shot out the back of the plane.

"Everybody's crying and shaking and scared," she recalled.

"We're all praying to God, let this be over."

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22

GoGreen

In honour of Earth Day on Wednesday, Metro is providing you with ways you can go green and lessen your environmental footprint.



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EARTH DAY
GOING GREEN. Metro marks Earth Day with its special Green issue.

MOVIES. We have a review of the Disney film Earth.

Fraud control fail

Alberta's auditor general levels criticism at college

JEFF CUMMINGS
 Metro Canada

A director with a Calgary college was fired last fall for an alleged fraud worth \$189,000 and an Edmonton college has had ineffective controls in place for years to catch frauds, Alberta's auditor general unveiled yesterday.

The former director of international education and workplace training in Calgary's Bow Valley College is currently being investigated by police, said auditor general Fred Dunn.

Dunn said the man allegedly created a number of "phony contracts" for services that were never delivered to the college between July 2005 and November 2008.

"What this says about any organization is that you can be victimized if you do not pay attention to your controls," said Dunn. "Quite often in any fraud, an individual will start very small and once they have proven that the process works without any questions, they will become bolder over time."

Dunn said Edmonton's Grant MacEwan College is

exposed to continued risks of fraud and errors that will go undetected.

"We've been concerned about (Grant MacEwan College) for a number of years," said Dunn. "We are concerned about the culture within the college."

The general also uncovered the college did not recover \$738,000 in parking fines at the college from 1999 to March 2008 because of "poor documentation and processes."

The auditor general, meanwhile, also discovered two computer "penetration" attempts on the Department of Transporta-

tion after his office gave a scathing review of the government's computer security practices last fall.

Dunn said contract workers hired by Service Alberta accessed a bad website in one of the two cases and downloaded a malicious computer program while trying to update some systems.

An investigation did not identify any evidence that an attacker exploited the government's computer systems.

A detailed review on the government's computer systems is expected in 2011.

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The City of Calgary Public Art program wants local artists interested in exhibiting their work between July 2009 and April 2010. Open Spaces: Windows to a View will allow artists to display along the Telus Convention Centre LRT Platform between 1st Street and Centre Street SE. Artists can submit their work by May 25 at calgary.ca/publicart. **METRO CALGARY**

Local



Rain barrels for sale

The eighth annual Clean Calgary Association's Annual Rain Barrel Sale is coming this Saturday and Calgarians are invited out to purchase a rain barrel for their backyard to help conserve water for \$80 including tax. For more information and for the four sale locations please visit cleancalgary.org. **METRO CALGARY**

Cops looking for witnesses to SE eatery shooting

SHOOTING The Calgary Police want the public's help, and hope to identify five people who exited a south Calgary restaurant shortly after it was riddled with bullets late Sunday evening.

Police said several shell casings were found in the parking lot in Willow Park Drive and Macleod Trail SE just after 10 p.m., and believe it was the work of a lone shooter. No victims have been located, though a vehicle in the parking lot was struck.

Anyone with information is asked to call District 6 at 403-567-6600. **METRO CALGARY**

News in brief

WATER Calgary has completed its \$170 million work on the Bearsapaw Water Treatment plant. Upgrades at the plant and the Glenmore plant means the city can accommodate an additional one million residents, they said yesterday. The new plant won't put any silt or debris back into the Bow River, which means it is more environmentally friendly and its capacity is now increased by 100 million litres per day.

STABBING Police believe a longstanding dispute between two co-workers led to a stabbing at a business in the 5600 block of 44 Street SE yesterday morning. A man in his 60s was taken to hospital in serious condition and a suspect, in his 50s, who called police after the stabbing, was arrested at the scene. The suspect is in custody and assault charges are pending, police said. Anyone with information is asked to call District 6 at 403-567-6600. **METRO CALGARY**

Schools find art in garbage

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One person's garbage — tin food cans, pop cans, old flyers and newspapers — is a group of students' artwork on display at Sunridge Mall during April, Earth Month.

On display until April 26, 10 pieces of artwork made entirely from recyclable materials are on display at the northeast mall. The works feature actual garbage from the school cafeterias of John G Diefenbaker, Lord Beaverbrook and Forest Lawn High Schools.

When Diefenbaker art teacher Gary Toy received the invitation to participate in a sculpture contest for works made of garbage, he saw it as a great opportunity for his students not only to enhance their own school art program, but help the environment as well.

"The process of working through this project has really captured the kid's interest and they realized



Charlotte Chevrefils, 27, left, and Nicole Mears, 19, both look at the Chaos of the World sculpture at Sunridge Mall yesterday. The sculpture and 10 other pieces, made up of cafeteria trash from local high schools, are set up in the mall for the Eco Sculpture Contest.

they simply weren't doing enough," he said. "It's about the little things like recycling one more bottle, or disposing of garbage conscientiously."

Sunridge Mall is displaying the artwork and mall visitors were allowed to vote on their favourite

piece of work, according to marketing director Joanne Foran, and the winner will be announced tomorrow, which is Earth Day.

"Each year we try to find a unique way to bring attention to how we treat our Earth," she said. "We want to encourage people

to reduce, reuse and recycle."

Foran added since April is Earth Month the mall is also asking citizens to take their own small steps in becoming "greener," including reusing water bottles and riding their bikes to work.

Mixed reviews for province's off-road trail plan

RECREATION Alberta's plan to create more trails for off-road users within its parks system has been met with mixed reviews.

Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Cindy Ady announced yesterday she would like to see more trails designed for off-road vehicles as part of a 10-year management plan and while off-road enthusiasts applaud the idea, others aren't convinced.

Dianne Pachal of Sierra Club Canada said they are concerned that Albertan's priorities were not met with the announcement. Already 60 per cent of Alberta is public land and the vast majority of that, she said, is used for motorized recreation.

"So people looking for places without it now have fewer options today. We need to protect the parks we do have now, because

it's all we have," Pachal told Metro.



Cindy Ady

But Ady said Alberta's population has doubled since the 1970s when most of the province's parks were built, and off-road lovers like Roger Bordeaux

agree there is a need for more recreational areas.

"We care about the environment, too, and yes, there are a few bad apples that give off-roaders a bad name, but most of us aren't like that," he said.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/
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VIDEO: Critics give province's parks plan a frosty reception at metronews.ca



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CAW, automakers must reach deal this week: Ottawa

Canada's unionized autoworkers can either accept pay cuts and other concessions or lose their jobs, Industry Minister Tony Clement said matter-of-factly yesterday, emphasizing that the future of the Big Three automakers hinges on the CAW and the companies reaching a deal this week. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Raising donation awareness

Yesterday was the start of National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week. The organization is trying to bring the issue of organ donation to young people with an initiative that features a \$1-million advertising campaign aimed at 15- to 24-year-olds and includes a new website, RecycleMe.org, which contains videos of people talking about how the issue of organ donation touched their lives. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Female jumpers get day in court

VANCOUVER
2010 Games

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

In a way, it's a catch-22 that's keeping the world's top female ski jumpers from getting to compete in the 2010 Olympics, the lawyer representing 15 jumpers argued in B.C. Supreme Court yesterday.

Ross Clark, who was speaking during the first day of a discrimination hearing against VANOC, said generations of girls have been discouraged from pursuing a career as ski jumpers because their sport has never been recognized in the Olympics.

In 2006, the IOC voted against including women's



American ski jumper Lindsey Van, centre, flanked by Canadian jumper Zoya Lynch and Women's Ski Jumping USA president Deedee Corradini, outside B.C. Supreme Court yesterday.

ski jumping in 2010, saying there haven't been enough world championships, and there aren't enough competing women to justify

the sport's inclusion.

"Historical prejudices have meant there were few competitions, but it's the lack of competitions that

the IOC is using as its justification for barring the women," Clark said. "This is a hurdle they can't overcome through athleticism

and determination."

Without the Olympics as a goal, there's less incentive for women to train at an elite level, added American jumper Lindsey Van, in response to the IOC's argument that there aren't enough women competing in the sport.

It was that sense of discouragement that pushed Whistler-based jumper Zoya Lynch to retirement this year.

"It was too hard to balance training and fighting the biggest sport organization in the world," Lynch, who is still a plaintiff, said. "If they don't allow women to compete (in 2010) a lot of (other girls) will drop out."

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NAFTA can be tweaked: U.S.

TRADE It is not necessary to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement to honour Barack Obama's promise to add stronger labour and environmental provisions, the top U.S. trade official said yesterday.

The statement was the latest indication that Obama would not press for a full-fledged renegotiation of the trade accord.

Obama stopped in Mexico City for meetings with President Felipe Calderon on his way to the Summit of Americas last weekend in Trinidad. It was his second meeting with Calderon and followed a February trip to Ottawa to meet with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

All three leaders were "of the mind that we should be looking for opportunities to strengthen NAFTA, and at an appropriate time I will be meeting with our colleagues to try to put a little more form to that," U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk said. **REUTERS**

Test results went unheeded, Maple Leaf president says

LISTERIOSIS Better scrutiny of test results showing an increased presence of harmful bacteria at a Toronto meat-processing plant would have prevented a nationwide outbreak linked to 21 deaths, says the head of Maple Leaf Foods.

"What we didn't do then, and what we do now, is apply sophisticated investigative and pattern-recognition science to analyze test results to better determine root cause,"

Maple Leaf Foods CEO and president Michael McCain told MPs at the parliamentary agriculture committee yesterday.

The MPs have formed a subcommittee on food safety to study how a strain of listeria monocytogenes linked to ready-to-eat meats produced at the Maple Leaf facility in Toronto played a role in 21 deaths and an unknown number of illnesses across the country last August.

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Study looks at possible side-effects of texting

STUDY Is instant messaging, texting and twittering making us mean?

This was the question swirling in the wake of a study that showed the brain needs eight seconds to register social pain or virtue and produce related emotions.

In comparison, physical pain, says researcher Mary Helen Immordino-Yang, is recognized almost instantly. While the study — released yesterday by the National Academy of Sciences in its Online Early Edition — did not look at instant

"A young child may not know the social implications of what they are doing and seeing."

Mary Helen Immordino-Yang

messaging. Immordino-Yang acknowledged that its findings on the time lapse to register compassion might apply to the field of rapid communication.

"What it suggests is that we should think seriously about certain kinds of media exposure," she said. "A young child may not know the social implications of

what they are doing and seeing. It is an open question and suggests the need for further research."

Our brains register the pain of others as if it were our own, says Immordino-Yang. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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News in brief

SASKATCHEWAN A Regina teenager convicted of killing a Good Samaritan on Boxing Day, 2006, will serve his time in prison, not a youth facility, a judge has decided. Queen's Bench Justice Ron Barclay made the decision yesterday at a placement hearing for Nolan Royce Turcotte, 18. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Hundreds of prisoners in an eastern Indian jail went on a hunger strike after authorities refused to allow inmates to watch one of India's biggest cricket tournaments on cable television. About 500 prisoners in Kolkata had requested cable television to watch the Indian Premier League. **REUTERS**

World



Hawking in hospital

Physicist Stephen Hawking, the author of *A Brief History of Time* who is almost completely paralyzed by motor neurone disease, has been urgently admitted to hospital, Cambridge University said yesterday. It appeared his latest illness was related to a chest infection, although no diagnosis has been released yet. **REUTERS**

Anti-Israel talk spurs walkout

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad prompted a rare walkout at the United Nations yesterday when he called Israel a "cruel and repressive racist regime" in his remarks to a conference on race.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon deplored the address, which prompted dozens of delegates to leave their seats, further undermining the summit, which several Western powers are boycotting.

Their boycott left Ahmadinejad, who has in the past cast doubt on the Nazi Holocaust, in the spotlight as the only head of state at the conference.

"Following World War Two they resorted to military aggressions to make an entire nation homeless under the pretext of Jew-



A demonstrator is carried away as Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addresses the Durban Review Conference on racism at the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva yesterday.

ish suffering. And they sent migrants from Europe, the United States and other parts of the world in order to establish a totally racist government in the occupied Palestine," he said, according to the offi-

cial translation.

"And in fact, in compensation for the dire consequences of racism in Europe, they helped bring to power the most cruel and repressive racist regime in Palestine." **REUTERS**

Military gives Tamil Tigers 24 hours to surrender

SRI LANKA Sri Lanka yesterday gave the Tamil Tigers 24 hours to surrender after troops breached a huge earthen defence and unleashed an exodus of tens of thousands of civilians held there by the rebels, the military said.

Sri Lanka's quarter-century separatist war has come down to a tiny strip of coastline, where the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are making a last

stand while urging a ceasefire to protect civilians they refuse to free.

With so many civilians now outside the 17-square-kilometre no-fire zone, Sri Lanka warned LTTE chief Vellupillai Prabhakaran to surrender or face a military showdown. The military has previously given such ultimatums to the LTTE and it was unclear if passage of the deadline would mean immediate attack. **REUTERS**

News in brief

SOMALIA Gunmen have demanded a \$1-million ransom for the release of three aid workers taken over the weekend in Somalia. MSF in Brussels confirmed that two male doctors from Belgium and Holland were kidnapped. A local MSF worker said a Somali employee

had also been taken.

IRAN The lawyer representing Roxana Saberi, an Iranian-American freelance journalist jailed by Tehran for espionage, said yesterday he was optimistic she would be acquitted on appeal. **REUTERS**

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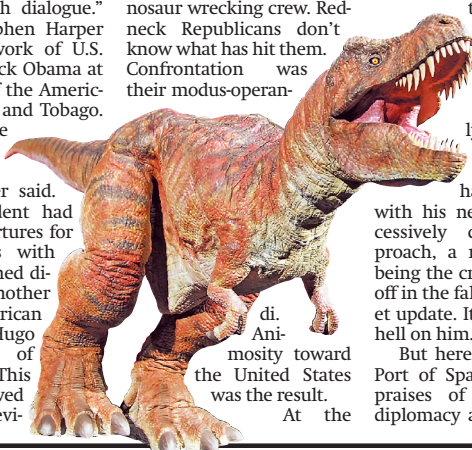
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"We saw the replacement of confrontation with dialogue." That was Stephen Harper lauding the work of U.S. President Barack Obama at the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago. It marked the opening of "a new era," the prime minister said.

The president had just made overtures for new relations with Cuba and opened dialogue with another vaunted American enemy, Hugo Chavez of Venezuela. This summit followed Obama's previ-

ous extension of an olive branch to axis of evil member Iran. Along the way, just for good measure, the president threw in a plan to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

What is transpiring is startling. Compared to the dark ages of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, a starker contrast could hardly be possible. President Obama is a one-man dinosaur wrecking crew. Red-neck Republicans don't know what has hit them. Confrontation was their modus-operandi.



Animosity toward the United States was the result. At the

summit Obama noted how he was criticized for wanting to talk to enemies because it would be seen "as a sign of weakness."

But, as he said, the American people didn't buy this line of thinking. "And there's a good reason why they didn't buy it — because it doesn't make sense."

His new era of enlightenment is all the more important because there are signs that others could become a part of it.

It has frequently been noted how our own prime minister has hurt himself with his negative and excessively combative approach, a major example being the crisis he touched off in the fall over his budget update. It brought down hell on him.

But here was Harper in Port of Spain singing the praises of dialogue and diplomacy and singing yet

again the praises of a liberal president. He was suddenly welcoming the opening to Cuba, which is surprising for a Conservative of his ilk and took no issue with the warmth shown to Chavez.

Harper has a long way to go before he can talk of himself as a champion of diplomacy. On Russia and the Middle East he has taken a confrontational approach. On China he is only now awakening to the importance of building relations. On Guantanamo he has been silent, on nuclear proliferation, the same.

But you get the sense the new president may be having a significant impact on Harper, softening the rough edges, broadening his mind. On the weekend the prime minister was wise to salute the new Obama approach. Best to leave behind any Jurassic Park ties and get on board the big new train.

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Views

Feds need to follow U.S. in cap-and-trade

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U.S. President Barack Obama's proposed 2010 budget makes it clear he intends to achieve significant progress on climate change and clean energy, despite the formidable economic crisis.

The president had signalled his seriousness throughout his campaign and then with his cabinet appointments. His budget now includes a wide range of concrete steps toward reducing dependence on oil; makes huge investments in clean technology, renewable energy and energy effi-

ciency; increases the budget of the Environmental Protection Agency by 35 per cent; and generally aims at switching the transportation system to electric vehicles while increasing fuel economy standards in gas-powered vehicles.

Predictably opposition in Congress is gearing up for battle, hysterically projecting enormous increases in gas prices at the pump and retail electricity rates, and calling the cap-and-trade proposal to reduce CO2 emissions, "a tax on everything." Sound familiar?

Whatever the outcome, Obama's bold national leadership on climate change, and his determination to proceed, is unambiguous and genuine. And he will use his exceptional ability to connect with Americans over the heads of his opposition.



Contrast Harper's approach to climate change and clean energy — the antithesis of bold national leadership, transparency, and constructive debate bringing Canadians together.

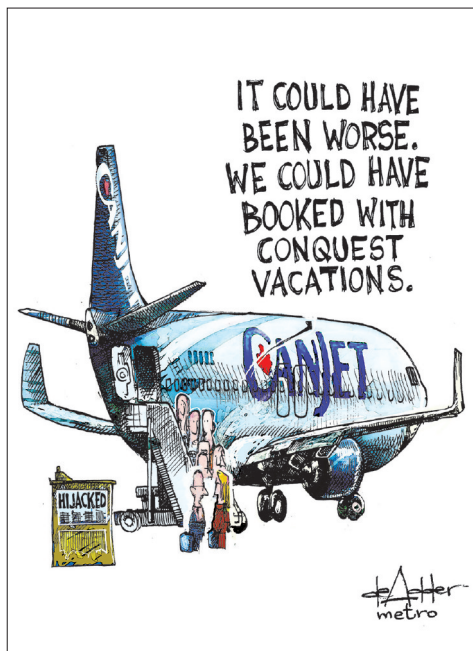
While Obama champions an effective national cap-and-trade system that sets hard caps on carbon emissions, Harper silenced any intelligent discussion during the last election and produced an anemic plan for intensity targets applicable only to large industrial emitters that is justly ridiculed for allowing emissions to rise with production levels. His recent budget lacked any serious environmental focus, notably with respect

to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The federal government is so missing in action Ontario and Quebec have now joined Manitoba and British Columbia to extend caps on CO2 emissions beyond large industrial emitters as part of the California-led Western Climate Initiative. Regional tensions, real or imagined, simmer and rise to fill the void left by the absence of national leadership.

Bold national leadership, transparency and constructive debate seem to be too much to hope for in Canada. No wonder so many Canadians look enviously at the U.S. and are cheering Obama on.

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Letters

Park ridiculous, not inspired

Re: Memorial park, April 15

I'm with Rick McIver. It seems that Druh Farrell has too much spare time on her hands.

Having got council to waste taxpayers' money on Farrell's Folly No. 1 (the "beautification" of 4th Street NW) she's now onto Farrell's Folly No. 2.

With typical head-in-the-clouds lack of forethought, the stretch of Memorial Drive she chooses for her pedestrian playground is a sterile trough bounded on the south by a high berm that prevents a view of the river, and on the north by buildings. If council considers this idea is worth wasting time on, then for heaven's sake change the location.

East and west of Crowchild Trail there is, at least, some scenery to enjoy; between 10th and 3rd streets your options are gawking at residents to the north or looking up at those folk who, more sensibly, have chosen to use the walkway on the top of the berm.

What is it with these Alder-busy-bodies?

DAVE HUGHES, CALGARY

Rider won't be riding again

Re: Ride lots morph into park and pay, April 17

I have to admit to being rather annoyed with Calgary Transit for imposing these parking fees on us. Calgary Transit may be facing economic hardship in these "trying times," but so are their riders!

Along with many people, I find my debts mounting, barely able to keep the creditors at bay and now they want us to fork out \$60 a month on top of the already rising transit pass cost?

I hate to inform Calgary Transit of this, but my creditors come first. I'm sure they'll be aghast and horrified to hear that.

My creditors on the other hand will be jumping for joy when they get the \$83 a month that used to go to a Calgary Transit Pass, since I'll no longer be using this poor excuse for a transit system.

MICHAEL GRANT, CALGARY

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The United Steelworkers union filed a petition yesterday asking President Barack Obama to restrict tire imports from China that they said were destroying the U.S. tire industry. **REUTERS**

Business

DOLLAR		OIL	TSX
	C\$	80.74¢ US	9,126.15
	US\$	\$4.45	311.50

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GM to cut 1,600 positions in U.S.

AUTO General Motors Corp. is cutting about 1,600 salaried jobs in the United States this week as it rushes to meet a June 1 deadline to restructure under U.S. government oversight, the automaker said yesterday.

The reductions are part of GM's plan to slash its global salaried work force by about 10,000, or 14 per cent, in a bid to cut costs. GM also aims to cut 37,000 hourly jobs worldwide by the end of the year.

REUTERS

Oil slides 8% on economic outlook

CRUDE Oil slid over eight per cent to \$45.88 a barrel yesterday, depressed by a rising U.S. dollar and growing caution about the pace of any economic recovery and its impact on oil demand.

REUTERS

TSX tumbles 3.3% Oil, new U.S. bank worries spook market

Toronto's main stock index tumbled more than three per cent yesterday as investors fled the market amid a sharp drop in the price of oil and new concerns over the vitality of U.S. banks.

Nine of the TSX's 10 sectors fell, including the heavily weighted energy and financials groups, which dropped 6.5 per cent and 5.1 per cent, respectively.

The S&P/TSX composite index fell 311.50 points, or 3.3 per cent, to close at 9,126.15.

Bruce Latimer, a trader at Dundee Securities, said it should be remembered that the day's drop, albeit sharp, comes after six straight weeks of gains.

"Most people I talk to are

still in a fairly positive frame of mind," he said. However, new concerns began to swirl around the health of U.S. banks yesterday after Bank of America Corp. reported a surge in troubled loans, which overshadowed its better-than-expected earnings.

Bank of America shares plunged, taking with them much of the financial services sector both in Canada and the United States. Energy issues also re-treated, driven lower by a drop in the price of oil. EnCana gave up 5.1 per cent to \$52.58 and Suncor Energy dropped 7.7 per cent to \$28.90.

REUTERS

Coffee battle brewing

COMPETITION If you haven't tried McDonald's coffee in recent years, the company is hoping you'll give it another shot.

In a bold move that promises to heat up the morning coffee wars, McDonald's is offering customers a free morning coffee every day for the next two weeks.

That's a savings of about \$1.22 per cup, including tax, on a 10-ounce cup.

With Canadians drinking 36 million fewer cups of

coffee in the last 12 months, the battle for a larger share of a declining coffee market is heating up.

The promotion is clearly aimed at turning up the heat on market share leader Tim Hortons Inc., Perry Caicco, a financial analyst with CIBC World Markets, wrote in a note to clients.

Given that 60 per cent of Tim Hortons' sales are in the morning, and more than 50 per cent of those sales are coffee, the rival giveaway could hurt its performance this quarter, Caicco cautioned investors.

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Business in brief

TECH Oracle Corp. plans to enter the computer hardware market by buying Sun Microsystems Inc. for more

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The buck stops here

Alberta's public-sector fund manager is buying a 15 per cent stake in Precision Drilling Trust for about \$380 million in a deal that prevents Canada's biggest oil driller from running afoul of its lenders. **REUTERS**

Alternative transportation

Americans park the gas-guzzling SUVs, hop on the bus instead

Several signposts suggest the United States' love of driving is stalling and may stay weak for a long while. This could have profound impact on gasoline demand and the U.S. auto industry.

Even as gasoline prices soared in 2006 and 2007, Americans were the kings of the road, driving over three-trillion miles a year.

"We were road hogs," said John Townsend, spokesman for the American Automobile Association's mid-Atlantic club. "It was widely believed that there was nothing that could be done to get Americans out of their cars."

But something is afoot. In 2008, miles driven fell by 3.6 per cent. Rick Wagner, long a backer of gas guzzling SUVs, has been deposed as the CEO of General Motors. The automaker has put its Hummer division, the mighty emblem of America's free driving ways, on the block. Sales at Hummer skidded 68 per cent in March.

Americans took 10.7-billion trips on public transit in 2008, a four per cent rise over the previous year and a modern record, the American Public Transportation Association said.

High pump prices probably spurred the initial

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John Townsend, AAA

surge in ridership, association spokeswoman Virginia Miller said. But even late last year when gasoline prices fell, ridership posted the highest quarterly increase in a quarter of a century.

Will Americans be jumping back behind the wheel this summer? The U.S. government does not think so. The Energy Information

Administration projects that in the summer driving season, from April to September, gasoline demand will inch up to 9.1-million barrels a day from nine million last year. That still lags behind 2007, when demand hit 9.44-million barrels a day.

Americans also have started to embrace car-sharing. Zipcar, the world's

largest car-sharing company that rents cars by the hour or day, saw its membership soar 50.3 per cent in the past 12 months.

Zipcar chief executive Scott Griffith said he sees a major shift in philosophy that could stay in place for a long time.

"Smart consumption is the new black. It seems to go with everything these days," Griffith said.

"To me what their understanding is, I can live a more sustainable life and also save a lot of money by changing my behaviour in some ways — like using car-sharing and driving less in total."

REUTERS

Kellogg agrees to remove false advertising

AGREEMENT Kellogg Co. has agreed to remove advertising that claims Kellogg Frosted Mini-Wheats cereal was clinically shown to improve children's attentiveness by nearly 20 per cent, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission said yesterday.

The FTC said Kellogg misrepresented a study that, in fact, found children who ate Frosted Mini-Wheats for breakfast "averaged just under 11 per cent better in attentiveness" compared with children who did not eat breakfast.

The FTC said Kellogg's claims were false and violated federal law. They required Kellogg to pull the advertisement. **REUTERS**

EU probes Oneworld, Star airline alliances

INVESTIGATION The European Commission launched two antitrust investigations yesterday against certain members of the Star and Oneworld airline alliances on concerns their agreements on transatlantic routes might breach EU rules.

The probe relates to two sets of agreements between Star Alliance members Air Canada, Continental, Lufthansa and United on the one hand, and between Oneworld members American Airlines, British Airways and Iberia on the other.

The competition watchdog of the 27-nation European Union said the agreements provided for the coordination of the airlines' commercial, marketing and operational activities

principally on routes between the EU and North America.

Last year, the EU launched an investigation into a planned tie-up between Iberia, British Airways and American Airlines after the trio said they had agreed to a transatlantic tie-up to take advantage of the U.S./EU "Open Skies" agreement.

American, BA and Iberia intend to co-operate commercially on flights between the United States, Mexico, and Canada, and the European Union, Norway, and Switzerland.

If it is found that the airlines had broken EU rules, the commission could order them to stop any illegal practices and fine them up to 10 per cent of global turnover. **REUTERS**

Deadline day for Canwest

DEBT Another deadline looms for talks between Canwest Global Communications Corp. and its creditors this week in talks to restructure the Canadian media company's debt-laden balance sheet amid a sharp downturn in the advertising market.

Canada's biggest media company has until today to reach a deal both with its senior lenders and with investors holding its eight per cent senior subordinated notes.

That date also coincides with a deadline for a deal in the talks between Canwest and its senior lenders, who have spent recent months in negotiations.

Big debt

- \$30.4 million in interest payments — which gives noteholders the right to demand payment on the principal.
- \$761 million in principal.
- Total debtload: \$3.7 billion.

Repeated deadlines have been set before, only to be extended again.

Earlier this month, Canwest posted a net loss of \$1.44 billion for the three months ended Feb. 28, including a \$1.19-billion writedown related mostly to its publishing operations. **REUTERS**



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Parking tickets are a huge source of revenue for cities and private companies — not to mention a huge source of frustration for you and your bank account.

While you're required by law to pay tickets from the city, we wanted to find out if the same rules applied if you received a ticket while parking in a private lot. Here's what we discovered.

When you enter a lot, there will be posted terms and conditions, which usually state that by driving in-



Parking tickets are a huge frustration for your bank account.

to the parking lot, you agree to these provisions.

Essentially a contract is formed between you and the parking lot company. If you choose not to pay the ticket, you should be aware of the repercussions, such as the company suing you for breach of contract or

passing your debt on to a collections agency.

If you dispute the ticket, because you don't agree with the terms and conditions posted in the parking lot, then theoretically a collections agency is not allowed to report your unpaid debt to credit agen-

cies. That's a good thing, because it means your credit score will not be affected while you are trying to sort the matter out.

But there are some cities in which collections agencies are not restricted in the same rules, and may pass on your unpaid debt to a credit agency. Once this happens, it can be difficult to have your record wiped clean, so it's worth checking this in advance.

It is possible to to negotiate a ticket — you could argue the rules weren't clearly posted, so you actually didn't know what you were yourself getting into. Another possible argument is that because the fine on the ticket is disproportionate to the lot's hourly charge, the contract should not be enforced.

We would encourage you to at least contact the company and put them on notice that you're disputing the ticket and attempt to negotiate something.

You never know whether or not you're going to be successful, but it's worth a try. Private lots can be individually owned so the amount of wiggle room you have will depend on the company. When dealing with customer service, be polite but persistent.

A few weeks ago, one of the Smart Cookies attempted to have a ticket reduced. At first, the company was not receptive to her request, but with some persistence, the ticket was reduced from \$60 to \$15. That's definitely worth a five-minute phone call.

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Making the most of your severance

MoneyMatters

Henry Choo Chong

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Q My husband will be receiving a severance package. How much is he allowed to transfer to his registered retirement savings plan (RRSP), and do we have to report it? —**Mary**

A Severance payments received upon retirement due to loss of office or employment is reported as a retirement allowance the year received. Your husband should check with his human resources

department for the possibility of splitting the amounts over several years, to avoid overinflating income, which may result in higher taxes. Taxpayers who received payments and began employment before 1996 may be eligible to deduct an amount from income, if transferred into a pension

or RRSP. This rollover is above the normal annual RRSP contribute limit.

The maximum deduction (transfer) is the lesser of:

- The amount received, and;
- \$3,500 times the number of years prior to 1989, plus \$2,000 each year from

1989 to 1995.

He should work with human resources because they would have his employment history and should be able to calculate the eligible amount that can be transferred.

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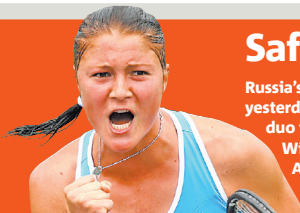
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Sports



Safina takes over No. 1

Russia's Dinara Safina officially took over the top spot on the WTA Tour yesterday, making her and older sibling Marat Safin the only brother-sister duo to have been No. 1 in professional tennis. Safina replaced Serena Williams at the top, even though the American beat her in the Australian Open final this year.

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Sportsnet won't punish reporter

TV Rogers Sportsnet's Flames reporter Roger Millions has not been disciplined for uttering an obscenity on air, says a spokesman for the cable network. Millions swore during a pre-game report before Game 1 of the Flames/Blackhawks series Thursday that made it to air. The clip was quickly uploaded to YouTube, where it's been viewed more than 250,000 times, and linked to by U.S. blogs such as Deadspin and the Huffington Post. Most television insiders blame Sportsnet, not Millions, for the outtake — particularly since the segment was reportedly taped, and likely rushed to air by the network's Toronto staff without properly checking in and out times.

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Flames battle back for win

STANLEY CUP
2009 Playoffs
(Blackhawks lead series 2-1)
Blackhawks 2 Flames 4



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THE SKINNY: Despite falling behind early, the Flames battled back to beat the Blackhawks after losing the first two games of the best-of-seven series in Chicago.

THE SNIPER: David Moss counted his third and fourth goals of the post-season in the



Michael Cammalleri of the Flames jumps to avoid the puck in front of Nikolai Khabibulin last night. The Flames won 4-2.

final frame to put the game away. Curtis Glencross put in a solid effort with a pair of assists.

THE FIRSTS: Eric Nystrom and Rene Bourque both scored their first-ever playoff goals to give the Flames a 2-1 lead after

two periods.

THE SHARP SHOOTER:

With Olli Jokinen in the penalty box for roughing, Patrick Sharp opened up the scoring for Chicago at 2:03 of the opening frame when he fired a feed from Jonathan Toews past Miikka Kiprusoff. Sharp later assisted on a power-play goal by Martin Havlat late in the game.

THE REPLY: A short time after Sharp's goal, Nystrom took a pass from Glencross and snuck a shot to the short side past Nikolai Khabibulin to tie up the contest.

THE BANK SHOT: In the second, Bourque beat the 'Bulin Wall by banking a shot off of

the Chicago netminder's skate and in.

NHL

• More playoff coverage on Page 12.

THE C OF RED: Flames fans were fired up for the return of their beloved squad to the Pengrowth Saddledome and they showed their appreciation with their roars of approval throughout the game.

THE QUOTE: "Any time you can play at home, in front of your home fans, it's a huge boost," Conroy told reporters after the morning skate. "Chicago was loud. But I assume it's going to be louder here, because Calgary never wants to be outdone."

THE NEXT GAME: The Flames will be looking to tie up the series at 2-2 tomorrow night (8 p.m., TSN, Fan 960) at the Dome.



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Carpenter re-ups with Stampede

The Stampede re-signed linebacker Dwaine Carpenter yesterday. Carpenter had 35 tackles and two interceptions last year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Spurs collar Mavericks

NBA

2009 Playoffs

Tony Parker scored 27 of his 38 points in the first half, as the Spurs blew out Dallas in San Antonio, 105-84, to even their Western Conference quarter-final series after two games.

Tim Duncan added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who also received 13 points from Drew Gooden, 12 from Roger Mason and 11 from Matt Bonner.

Parker shot 16-of-22 from the floor and also had eight assists.

Game 3 of the best-of-seven set is scheduled for Thursday in Dallas.

Celtics 118 Bulls 115

Ray Allen's three-pointer over Joakim Noah with two seconds remaining lifted the Boston Celtics to a 118-115 win over the Chicago Bulls in Game 2 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

The shot and the win helped save the series for Boston, which had lost Saturday's Game 1 in overtime and risked going in a 2-0 hole with the series moving to the Windy City.

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Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki is blanketed by Tony Parker and Bruce Bowen last night.

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Felix (Doc) Blanchard, who won a Heisman Trophy in 1945 and led Army to three consecutive undefeated seasons, died Sunday of pneumonia at home in Texas. He was 84. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bruins put Habs on the ropes

STANLEY CUP

2009 Playoffs

Michael Ryder continues to haunt his former club, netting the game-winner late in the second period, as the Boston Bruins grabbed a stranglehold of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series with a 4-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens last night.

Phil Kessel, Shawn Thornton and Chuck Kobasew also scored for the top-seeded Bruins, who have won the first three games of this best-of-seven series and will look to complete the sweep tomorrow night in Montreal.

Tim Thomas earned the victory with a 23-save effort for Boston, which has not topped Montreal in a play-off series since 1994 and last swept the Habs in a four-



Saku Koivu of the Canadiens watches the puck go through the crease on a shot by P.J. Axelsson.

game triumph in 1992.

Carey Price, back between the pipes after get-

ting pulled in Saturday's 5-1 setback, made 26 stops in defeat.

Capitals 4 N.Y. Rangers 0

Alexander Semin tallied twice and Simeon Varlamov

posted his first career shutout in his second career playoff start, as the Washington Capitals downed the New York Rangers 4-0 in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series at Madison Square Garden.

Brooks Laich and Tom Poti contributed power-play goals for the Capitals, who rebounded after dropping the first two games of the series at home.

Nicklas Backstrom added three assists and Alex Ovechkin posted a pair of helpers for Washington.

Henrik Lundqvist allowed four goals on 40 shots for the Rangers, who have dropped two of their last three home games beyond the regular season.

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INFORMATION FEATURE

Anxious? You can get help



Anxiety can be a powerful force in a child's life, says Kids Help Phone counsellor Aren Vandelden.

ANXIETY Living in an adult world can leave some kids with a powerful sense of anxiety but help is often just a phone call away.

Aren Vandelden, a counsellor with Kids Help Phone, says what makes anxiety such a powerful negative force in a child's life is how prevalent it is in almost any part of life.

"Anxiety is connected to so many issues. It's connected to mom and dad fighting. It's connected to bullying, it's connected to addiction and abuse. It's the cause of many behav-

"Anxiety can have a profound effect on mental health and family relationships. Often, kids fall between the cracks."

Kids Help Phone counsellor Aren Vandelden

iours and the consequence of many behaviours as well," Vandelden said.

Anxiety can be a complex problem for kids to deal with because often children don't understand what's making them feel the way they do and they are afraid to talk about it.

"At home, often kids feel

they cannot talk about their anxiety so they're left alone at a time and age when they're not able to navigate it," Vandelden said.

The consequences of anxiety can lead to lowered grades, depression and problems with friends and

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family.

"Anxiety can have a profound effect on mental health and family relationships. Often, kids fall between the cracks," Vandelden said.

When it comes to kids,

no individual case of anxiety is exactly the same as any other but common threads can be found, particularly in relationships, Vandelden says. While older kids may tend to experience a different set of anxieties than younger ones, any child can feel debilitated by anxiety. "Older teens are worried because of the pressure usually put on

them to get bet-

ter grades and get into the right school. Younger kids are worried because they see their parents under pressure and fighting," Vandelden said.

The most important message kids need to hear is that no matter what's causing their anxiety, there are effective ways to deal with their anxiety and getting help from a counsellor is a great place to start.

"Anxiety is manageable but keeping it to yourself keeps you in that situation. At Kids Help Phone we can help kids interpret what's happening and find a way to express them-

selves," she said.

Vandelden hopes more kids in difficult situations will pick up the phone to seek help. "I always commend kids on the fact that they reached out and talked.

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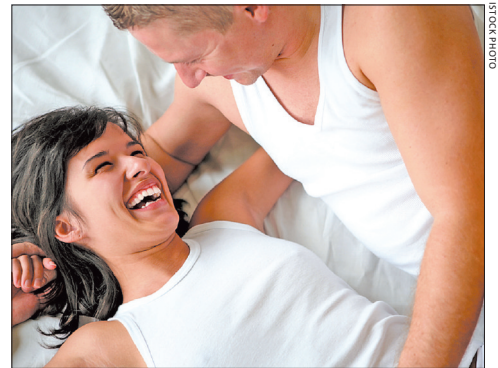


LAURIE PAWLICK-KIENLEN
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Here are four ways to make your sex life a little more eco-friendly.

1. Go green together

When an opportunity to try something new as a couple arises, whether it's choosing a massage oil or a new toy, go "au naturel." Greening your intimate life can strengthen your relationship by giving you a fun, healthy focus in the bedroom. Simply discussing greener possibilities



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can spark up your love life.

2. Consider your birth control

The Pill is a popular choice, but it's not a green one. "Whether from the Pill, the patch or hormone injections, synthetic estrogen makes its way into (our waterways) and has been shown to alter the apparent gender of fish," says Gillian Deacon in Green for Life. More eco-friendly birth control methods include the IUD and latex or lambskin condoms (thrown in the garbage afterwards, not flushed down the toilet).

3. Massage with natural oils

Numerous shops offer natural, organic massage oils and lotions. One, Naked Soapworks on Bowen Island, B.C., makes bath and body products without artificial colours, stabilizers or preservatives. "Our Kama massage oil is scented with a blend of reputed aphrodisiacs, including rose, jasmine and ylang ylang," says Naked creator Laurel Bailey.

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**Madge appeals**

A Supreme Court of Appeal panel will convene on May 4 to hear an appeal filed by Madonna against a Malawi High Court decision to stop her from adopting a Malawian girl. **PEOPLE.COM**

Digital music sparks revolution

Demise of the compact disc is poised to have a positive impact on the environment

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada

If you're a music fan with a sizeable collection of compact discs, adding to that library is threatening to become a thing of the past.

At this very moment, we're knee-deep in the age of MP3 players and digital downloading. With digital album sales on a rise, somewhere in the three million range, sales of the once-mighty CD have been on a downward spiral for much of this decade. Estimates from Nielsen SoundScan show that CD sales have dropped to 428 million. The number of CDs sold in 2004, according to Rolling Stone magazine, was 667 million.

When the CD first rose to popularity in the 1980s, it boasted several advantages to its predecessor, the vinyl record. You could play it on multiple platforms —

home stereo, computer, car stereo, portable CD players. More songs could be squeezed onto a CD. A slightly scuffed disc could still be played. Plus, there was a capability of skipping from one song to another on a CD (try finding a "shuffle" feature on a turntable).

Convenience factor and mass demand aside, the CD wasn't wholly accepted by the public. Environmentalists and green-conscious artists also frowned upon the CD and its packaging. As the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) explains, the disc itself is comprised of materials that include aluminum, polycarbonate plastic, lacquer, gold and petroleum-based dyes.

And the plastic jewel case, which houses the CD and its accompanying off-glossy booklet, was discovered to be non-biodegradable. Eco-friendly record label Earthology points out that when these cases are no longer needed, it either "sits ... in landfills or is incinerated, which releases dioxin into the atmosphere, one of the most toxic carcinogens on the planet." The cases themselves, Earthology continues, are "made up of 85 grams of PolyVinyl Chloride (PVC). The production of these petrochemical plastics releases dangerous toxins into the atmosphere."

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Rubina Ali

her father, Rafiq Qureshi, to a police station on Sunday night and recorded their statements. "On Sunday, Rubina's mother Khurshid complained to us that her ex-husband was trying to

sell her daughter, saying she saw some reports on television to that effect," said Deputy Commissioner of Police Nisar Tambo.

The film, a rags-to-riches romance about a slum boy competing on a TV game show, won eight Academy Awards earlier this year but sparked controversy in parts of India.

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environmentally friendly Digipaks, jewel case alternatives made of paper-board.

It's certainly a favourite among today's Canadian

indie artists.

In the U.S., major-label Universal, for instance, manufactures CDs for Jack Johnson's Brushfire Records by using recyclable plastic CD trays. The lesser-known Earthology label use jewel cases made of 100 per cent recycled/reclaimed and use nontoxic soy inks. And Indianapolis-based Plastic Recycling Inc. actually recycles used CDs and jewel cases and ship these off to be transformed as auto parts.

The LP, limited a music medium as it is, at least is made of vinyl and housed in cardboard and paper sleeves — all recyclable.

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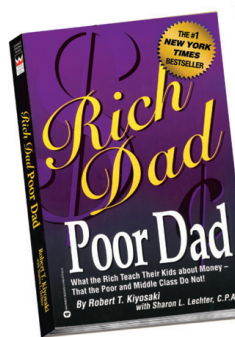
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(For the, um, record, Rolling Stone reported that vinyl LP sales have surged upward — to around the 1.9 million mark.)

But unless you're a hardcore audiophile, MP3 sound files benefit from the number that can be stored onto an MP3 player, a computer or what not. Plus, there isn't any known stat that an MP3 can spew harmful gases into the atmosphere. So it seems the planet is spared from any further harm.

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India police probe Slumdog complaint

PEOPLE Indian police in Mumbai are probing accusations that the father of a child star of the Oscar-winning film Slumdog Millionaire tried to sell his daughter for \$290,000 US.

The mother of nine-year-old Rubina Ali protested after a sting operation by a British tabloid alleged her father tried to sell her. Police called Rubina Ali and



Coppola chooses **Seattle** over Cannes
Francis Ford Coppola's new family drama *Tetro* won't be headed to the Cannes Film Festival next month. Instead, Coppola plans to unveil the film June 10 at the Seattle International Film Festival. **REUTERS**

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Although he's spent years as a columnist for the Los Angeles Times and he turned his experiences with a homeless, mentally ill Juilliard dropout into a bestselling book, Steve Lopez isn't used to being the focus of attention.

So imagine how uncomfortable he found it to have a celebrated Hollywood actor asking to rifle through his closet.

But that's just the situation he found himself in, as Robert Downey Jr., cast to play him in the film adaptation of his book *The Soloist*, was looking for some way to connect to Lopez as a character.

"He said, 'I need some piece of you. Can I go through your closet?'" Lopez remembers. "He said it so many times, I started to be a little concerned with what he was really up to."

When asked about the odd request, Downey demurs. "You're supposing that he let me into his closet," the actor says. "He never



Robert Downey Jr., right, plays long-time Los Angeles Times columnist Steve Lopez in the upcoming film *The Soloist*.

even dignified it with a response."

In fact, according to Downey, Lopez spurned all attempts at close study.

"He wanted to tell me that to impersonate him would be to do a disservice to the movie," Downey says.

Or, as Lopez puts it, "I was a little concerned that if he played me, this would be a really boring movie. But I felt a little silly telling Robert how to think about approaching a role, because

he's a great actor. He didn't need to hear it from me."

But Downey, who's famously portrayed well-known faces from both real life (Chaplin) and fiction (Iron Man) found it just as much of a challenge to portray a man that the vast majority of moviegoers had no familiarity with.

"They're all similar in that there's no way you can't go wrong if you don't know what you're doing, and it's very hard to not go

Movie feature

right if your heart's in the right place," he says.

Lopez is more than satisfied with the results. "I didn't want him to feel obligated to try and represent me, necessarily," Lopez says.

"But each time I see the movie, I see some new way in which he's captured some little nuance. Each time I see it, I appreciate the depth of his performance all the more."

As for the closet-rummaging, it never took place, but Downey did pick one piece of Lopez he thought he could use to channel the character: His nose. Lopez was even brought down to the studio's effects department to have a cast of his nose taken in order to make a prosthetic one.

"Although I'm not in the movie business, I knew my nose would not fit on Robert Downey Jr.'s face and that this was a bad idea," Lopez says. "Fortunately he changed his mind."

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'Bubble' shows in peril

Future uncertain for several modestly-rated dramas

With the broadcast networks' "upfront" presentations to advertisers less than a month away, it's do-or-die time for "bubble" series, those modestly rated shows walking a fine line between renewal or cancellation.

Not all shows that haven't been renewed yet are in jeopardy: For such series as CBS' *How I Met Your Mother*, which traditionally gets picked up at the last minute, and ABC's *Ugly Betty*, the orders are just a formality.

But that can't be said for a dozen or so other series anxiously awaiting their fate.

CBS has the most, including a quartet of long-running procedurals — Without a Trace, Cold Case, Numbers and The Unit — along with freshman drama *Eleventh Hour*.

For all of them — especially the two oldest, Trace and Case — the decision is tied to the shows' econom-

ics, as the network pays most or all of the production costs at this point.

The odds for Trace and Case are considered 50/50 right now, with one of the two expected to come back.

Numbers looks good to return for a sixth season, as does its Friday-night companion, *Ghost Whisperer*, which would enter its fifth cycle.

The prospects for *Eleventh Hour*, meanwhile, do not look good. The military drama Unit also had been considered unlikely to come back, but in a hopeful sign, executive producer Shawn Ryan has been asked by the network to present

ideas for a fifth season.

Of Fox's two bubble series, *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles* and *Dollhouse*, sophomore *Terminator* is

bubble show online is NBC's *Chuck*, which finally showed a ratings uptick this past week but is still performing marginally despite a strong fan base.

Another NBC Monday series, the modestly rated but reliable procedural *Medium*, is said to have slightly better odds to return than *Chuck*, while the quirky cop drama *Life* is expected to join Kath & Kim on cancellation row.

Neither of ABC's midseason entries have broken through, but while *Cupid* has been pretty much written off, the comedy *Better Off Ted* and the dramas *The Unusuals* and *Castle* are still in consideration.

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considered all but gone, while freshman *Dollhouse*'s chances are 50/50. Along with Fox's sci-fi duo, the most discussed

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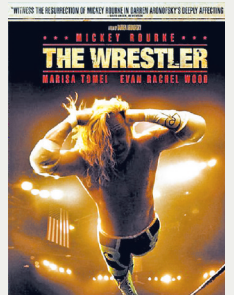
MICKEY ROURKE's the Dickensian focus of Darren Aronofsky's humane, soulful and occasionally humorous portrait of life on the way down from the top.

Rourke's Randy (The Ram) Robinson once enjoyed top-bill success and income, but now he plays for chump change on the nostalgia circuit.

Randy's brutal passion has cost him his marriage, estranged him from his daughter Stephanie (Evan Rachel Wood) and taken a toll on his health. He still pumps his body full of steroids, but now he's also addicted to painkillers for a chronic back problem. His heart tells him that he's living on borrowed time.

His only comfort is a nightclub stripper named Cassidy (Marisa Tomei) whose interest in Randy may be purely professional.

The film is a triumph on many levels, not least of which is Rourke's return as an actor of reckoning. He should have won this



year's Best Actor Oscar.

Also worthy of applause is Aronofsky's return, after the indecipherable astral indulgence that was *The Fountain*, to the well-deep drama that *Requiem for a Dream* proved him capable of nearly a decade ago.

Pity the extras are so lightweight. My review copy has just the Springsteen video of the title song.

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	555	545	67 TOON	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	
	575	583	11 CMT	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Darius Rucker	Trace Adkins	The Blue Collar	American Dad	
	553	546	17 TREE	Little Bear	Maggie-Beast	Comfy Couch	Zigby	Max & Ruby	Babar	Backyardigans	
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	603	561	25 FOOD	The F Word	The F Word	Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef America	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	
	615	520	26 A&E	The First 48 (HDTV)	The First 48	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	The First 48	The First 48	
	617	522	32 SHOW	Wife Swap	The Outer Limits	The Outer Limits	Mutant X	Testees	Trailer Park	Saving Grace	
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	620	523	36BRAVO	Liza With a Z: Concert	Bravonews	Cabaret	Law & Order	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Friends	
	294	650	40 WPCB	Disclosure *** (1994, Suspense)	Michael Douglas, Demi Moore.	My Little Chickadee *** (1940, Western)		The Simpsons	South Park	Jeff Foxworthy	
	626	547	41 COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	The Unsuspected (1947, Crime Drama)		
	-	539	42 TCM	The Women (1939, Comedy)	(DVS)						
	628	584	43 SPIKE	UFC Unleashed	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV) (N)	The Ultimate Fighter (HDTV)	CSI: NY "Tanglewood"	Amazing Video			
	522	516	45 HIST	Crimo Stories	NCIS "Requiem"	Sandhogs "3745 Feet"	Crimo Stories	Crimo Stories			
	627	528	46 SPACE	Torchwood	Ultimate Super Heroes-Villains	Stargate SG-1	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Trek: Voyager			
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) Two Mules for Sister Sara (1970)		A Fistful of Dollars *** (1964, Western) Clint Eastwood.		Rio Conchos			
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Saving Grace

When Grace learns that her widowed brother-in-law, Doug, is dating the new bartender at Louie's, she wonders how his son, Clay, will take it — especially since they're talking about moving away. The murder of a young jogger has the squad revisiting similar past cases. Leon gets a blast from his past in the new episode "But There's Clay." 11 PM on SHOW



Deadliest Catch

As the hit reality series returns for a new season, there's more white-knuckle seafaring in store as the crews of the fishing boats Time Bandit, Cornelia Marie, Wizard and Northwestern compete to pull in the biggest catches of Alaskan king crab, with a \$4,000 jackpot at stake for the winning crew. 8 PM on DISC

The Biggest Loser

Does it get any more exciting than this, America? Trainers Bob Harper and Jillian Michaels take the contestants to a grocery store to learn how to shop healthy on a budget! Come to think of it, these days that actually is kind of exciting. Sad, really. Also, the contestants compete in a trivia challenge to win an all-expense-paid trip to New York. 9 PM on CHTV KHQ

Madge's fall not my fault: Photog

PEOPLE The photographer blamed for startling the horse that tossed Madonna to the ground over the weekend is speaking out, saying he is not responsible for the accident. Paparazzo Thomas Hinton admits that he was the only person taking pictures of the singer's afternoon ride in the Hamptons, but he insists he left before Madonna fell. "If I had startled the horse, I would have gotten pictures," Hinton told TMZ.

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In brief

SHOW Sci Fi Channel is teaming with Will Smith's production company for a new crime drama. The network has ordered *Unfinished Business*, a series about an ex-cop who helps the recently deceased resolve their unfinished business. **REUTERS**

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Grey's Anatomy star Ellen Pompeo and her husband, Chris Ivery, are starting a family together, her rep Jennifer Allen, confirms to people.com "It's great news," says Allen. "They're ecstatic." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Ellen's new family

Celebrity Buzz

Rupert denies having work done

IMAGE Rupert Everett has vehemently denied accusations he has undergone cosmetic surgery — following a string of Internet rumours suggesting he had a facelift, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A picture of the actor looking noticeably fresh-faced and wrinkle-free surfaced online earlier last week following the star's recent appearance on Rachael Ray's TV show.

The image



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has fuelled speculation that Everett, 49, has resorted to drastic measures in a bid to gain a more youthful appearance. But a spokesman for the star is adamant he has not undergone any cosmetic procedures.

The rep tells British newspaper the Daily Mail, "Why would Rupert need any surgery? He's a beautiful man. Any speculation is completely laughable. He hasn't had anything done and he doesn't need it."

A-list crowd celebrates Kate's 30th

PARTYING Kate Hudson, whose actual 30th birthday was Sunday, bid farewell to her 20s with a star-studded blowout birthday bash Friday night in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Noticeably absent? Owen Wilson, the actress' on-again-off-again beau. Not that the party — at the home of Hudson's mom, Goldie Hawn, 63, and her partner Kurt Russell, 58 — lacked for a jaw-dropping roster of A-list guests, including

Demi Moore, Ashton Kutcher, Justin Timberlake (though without girlfriend Jessica Biel), Matthew McConaughey, Tobey Maguire, Jessica Alba, Cash Warren, Gwyneth Paltrow and husband Chris Martin, Gwen Stefani, Eva Mendes, Adam Sandler, Zach Braff — even Cher. "Kate was elated, dancing all night, having the time of her life — and she looked amazing in a very sexy little dress and (Christian) Louboutin heels," a source tells People.

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Teri makes Nicollette a farewell gift

CURTAINS Nicollette Sheridan's character Edie Britt finally bit the bullet on Sunday's Desperate Housewives. Her death took place in the first few minutes of the episode: She was driving home and crashed into a utility pole.

While she may have left Wisteria Lane, Sheridan did not leave empty-handed. Teri Hatcher made Sheri-

dan a scrapbook before she left, usmagazine reports. "I pulled pictures from all the different seasons and magazine articles and quotes, shots from the awards — everything we've all done together over the five years," she said.

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Mel heads to church

GOOD BEHAVIOUR Mel Gibson, who spent last week in Costa Rica following news of his pending divorce, traded his beach clothes for a suit and tie so he could attend his private church in Malibu, Calif.

On Sunday, people.com reports. "He was drinking coffee with church guests seemed very

relaxed," a churchgoer said about Gibson, who mingled with the other congregants for about an hour after mass.

Before Sunday, the actor-filmmaker was spotted near his sprawling estate in Costa Rica just days after his wife Robyn filed for divorce after 28 years of marriage. Gibson, 53, has been recently linked to Russian musician Oksana Grigorieva, 39.

The actor, who appeared to be on vacation, was not alone. He was spotted with a blonde-



haired woman, a man in his 20s and a young boy who never left his side, said a witness. Grigorieva was not seen on their outings.

"(He) went to eat ice cream and then he went shopping," said José Morales, an employee at a car-rental agency, who spotted the group last week.

The visitors ordered espresso and double-scoops of ice cream before Gibson spent more than \$500 US on souvenirs, which included wooden bowls and potholders, says another witness.

On Saturday, Gibson left Costa Rica. He was seen Sunday attending 9 a.m. mass at the Church of the Holy Family, hidden in the tree-covered mountains outside of Los Angeles.

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Will Naomi settle down in Moscow?

RELOCATION Naomi Campbell is reportedly planning to move to Russia to set up home with her billionaire boyfriend. The beauty has been dating Vladislav Doronin since May and divides her time between her homes in London and New York. But Campbell wants to settle down with Doronin and plans to make Moscow her new base, according to Britain's Mail On Sunday. A friend of the model said, "Naomi and Vladislav are inseparable and she has been spending more and more time in Moscow."

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Lindsay seems to be 'back on men'

REBOUND Lindsay Lohan is "back on men" and left a Las Vegas party with a mystery male on Saturday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who was recently dumped by DJ Samantha Ronson following a year-long romance, was seen flirting with the

unnamed hunk at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

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Is Jen reviving her TIFF fling?

SPECULATION It seems that Jennifer Aniston isn't hanging around after splitting from John Mayer for the umpteenth time as she is reportedly romancing Gerard Butler, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Friends star broke up with Mayer last month after a tumultuous on/off relationship.

The actress approached Butler to star alongside her in forthcoming movie The

Goree Girls — and their working partnership could become something more after the pair enjoyed a short-lived romance last year, according to Britain's Mail on Sunday newspaper.

"They had a fling at the Toronto Film Festival last year but it was all kept very quiet," a source tells the publication. "Now Jennifer's single again, she's no longer keeping her admiration for him secret."

Aniston and Mayer have dated on and off since April 2008. But Aniston and Butler sparked romance rumours at the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

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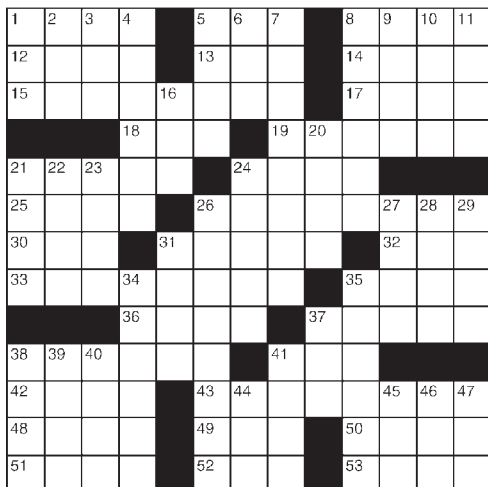
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Crossword across

- 1 Did some weeding
- 5 Cudgel
- 8 "National Treasure" actor
- 12 Roundish hairdo
- 13 Inventor Whitney
- 14 Rainbow
- 15 Just lie there
- 17 Gridlock elements
- 18 Deity
- 19 Within one's power
- 21 Xbox enthusiast
- 24 Crow or crane
- 25 "Metamorphoses" poet
- 26 Military headquarters
- 30 Automaton, for short
- 31 Leans to one side
- 32 Singer DiFranco
- 33 Cameo's opposite
- 35 Shell-less snail
- 36 Mah-jong piece
- 37 Tether
- 38 "— Preacher Man"
- 41 Vast expanse
- 42 Related (to)
- 43 Hamburger's hello
- 48 1492 vessel
- 49 Greek vowel
- 50 Pop choice
- 51 Carina
- 52 Tatter
- 53 Basin accessory

Crossword down

- 1 Owns
- 2 Frequently
- 3 Mound stat
- 4 Followed relentlessly
- 5 Rosary component
- 6 Elev.
- 7 Included as a part of
- 8 Locust
- 9 Speedy steed
- 10 "You go, —!"
- 11 Being, to Brutus
- 16 Neither mate
- 20 Table scraps
- 21 Asian desert
- 22 Shakespeare's river
- 23 Catcher's prop
- 24 Prove untrue
- 26 Pirate
- 27 Festive
- 28 Responsibility
- 29 At hand
- 31 Workweek's end initials
- 34 Lacking a musical key
- 35 Rap session?
- 37 Director Spike
- 38 Foundered
- 39 "Grapes of Wrath" type
- 40 Baseball team
- 41 Unescorted
- 44 Actress Hagen
- 45 AAA job
- 46 Hearty quaff
- 47 Needlefish

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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MYANTONIA	ODE		9	4	6	3	5	8	2	1	7
OTT	TINSEL		4	2	9	5	8	7	1	3	6
FLOWER	SNIT		7	5	1	6	4	3	8	2	9
LIP	DIG	SPLAY	6	8	3	2	1	9	7	4	5
AMID	PAS	SANE	5	3	7	9	2	1	4	6	8
BOORS	QUIT	DNA	8	9	2	7	6	4	3	5	1
NALA	PRAYER		1	6	4	8	3	5	9	7	2
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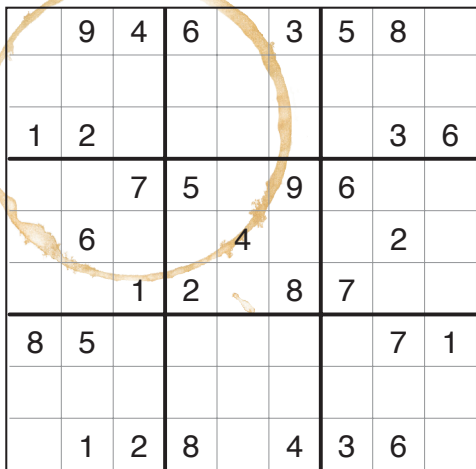
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Metro Recipe of the Day



Herb and Saffron Risotto

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 3/4 cups (425 ml) risotto rice
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) dry white wine
- Small pinch saffron strands
- 1 3/4 qt (1.75 L) vegetable stock, hot
- Fresh-grated zest of 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) snipped fresh chives
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped parsley
- Salt and fresh-ground black pepper

TO SERVE:

- 1/2 oz (14 g) piece Parmesan cheese
- Snipped fresh chives

METHOD:

1. Melt butter with oil in large pot over medium heat. Add onion and sauté until soft, stirring occasionally, 4 to 5 minutes.
2. Add rice and stir 1 min-

ute. Stir in wine and boil until almost evaporated. 3. Stir saffron into hot stock. Add ladleful of stock to pot and slowly boil until absorbed, stirring frequently. Continue adding stock ladlefuls, letting each be almost absorbed before adding next, and stirring frequently. Total cooking time: 15 to 20 minutes. Risotto is ready when rice is tender but grains are still whole and firm, and overall texture is moist and creamy. 4. Remove pot from heat and stir in lemon zest and juice, chives and parsley. Season with salt and pepper to taste. 5. Using vegetable peeler, pare thin shavings from Parmesan and scatter over risotto together with chives.

SERVES 6



Horoscopes

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Keep your sense of humour alive. A sad bid for lenience will fail. You won't want to resolve a disturbance.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A message will weaken your resistance. You'll find that insecurity has its rewards. A buddy shares his awareness of the facts.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A foreigner inspires a happy moment. Focus your energy on warmth and tenderness. You shouldn't know about certain troubles.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A rule-breaker creates an excellent state of affairs. An irrational scheme shouldn't be shared. You will have second thoughts.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Enjoy your freedom with a clear mind. Brush up on protocol before visiting a superior person. Good luck will be celebrated by a family.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You'll be magnanimous with outsiders. A craving for faithfulness creates discord. Weird noises cause a ridiculous ego clash.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A dignified person wins over a loser. Climb out of a comfy rut if you want to get ahead. An opponent makes lousy decisions.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
An elder inadvertently helps a bad guy. Glad tidings make dreams come true. A wonderful fantasy causes a revolution.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A concerned friend will speak carefully. Don't bore yourself by brooding. You'll waste time with the wrong people.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You'll smile at an unexpected moment. An admirer is interested in your goals. Your motivation becomes strong and mighty.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A shy person has an unshakable defence system. A needy guy gets a boost by a great job offer. Be ready to give something away.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A senior's warning goes unheeded. A parent has an earth-shaking surprise. A younger person's influence will please you.



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